

PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No. 2204-012023

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Junichi KATSUKI : AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS  
Teruyoshi IIDA : SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRACKING DURING  
Takashi YAMAUCHI : FORMING AND A MANUFACTURING  
Satoshi SUZUKI : METHOD THEREOF  
Naoto HIRAMATSU :  
  
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Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert and amend section headings and amend specification  
paragraphs as follows.

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following  
rewritten title: [REDACTED]

AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRACKING DURING  
FORMING AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

On page 1, before line 5, please insert the following section heading:

A2 1. Field of the Invention